



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
	: Examiner: P. Edwards
Akira AKASHI)
	: Group Art Unit: 2621
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated January 10, 2006, and prior to further examination, please amend the application as indicated below.